

# Missouri State Archives

## Finding Aid [998.049]

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### MANUSCRIPT COLLECTIONS

#### Lt. Gov. John A. Lee Collection

*Abstract:* Newspaper clippings, speeches, family history, etc. of Lt. Gov. John A. Lee. Lee also served as Police Commissioner of St. Louis.

*Extent:* 3 folders

*Physical Description:* Paper

*Location:* Missouri State Archives; Stacks

### ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

*Alternative Formats:* TIF of two pages

*Access Restrictions:* None

*Publication Restrictions:* None

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### HISTORICAL AND BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES

John Adams Lee (1851-1928) was born in Fleming County, Kentucky on June 28, 1851 to James A. Lee. Lee can trace his ancestry back to colonial Virginia and farther back to England, and it is through this lineage that he is a member of the Sons of the American Revolution. His family moved to St. Louis when he was six, but left in 1861 at the outbreak of the Civil War. He had schooling in Kentucky.

Lt. Governor Lee's career began in Louisville, KY where he worked as a bookkeeper and traveling merchant for the grocery business. By 1891, he was back living in St. Louis and established a trade journal called the Inter-State Grocer. Two years later, he was appointed Police Commissioner of St. Louis by Governor Stone, where he served until 1897.

In 1896, John A. Lee was elected Presidential Elector at Large for the Democratic State Convention, but withdrew his election so that he could run for Lieutenant Governor. He lost the race. He ran again in 1899-1900 and this time won his race in November 1900. Lee was a Democrat and won against Republican candidate F. Allen Ethelbert with a vote of 352,505 to 314,352.

Four years later Lee ran for Governor of Missouri, but lost to Joseph Folk.

## ADDITIONAL DESCRIPTIVE INFORMATION

### Related Collections

RG3.30 Governor Alexander Dockery, 1901-1905  
RG005 Secretary of State (see Elections Division)  
RG550 General Assembly (see Journals, Blue Books, etc.)

### Additional External Resources

Unknown

## SCRAPBOOK, 1901-1922

*Arrangement:* Original order maintained

### Scope and Content

This scrapbook has been disbound and placed in Mylar sleeves. The book consists primarily of newspaper clippings, transcripts of speeches and family information. The three photographs on pp. 26 & 27 have been digitized and are available as tifs on Manuscript DVD #1 in the Reference Room.

### Container List

Location	Box	Folder	Contents	Date
	4	15	pp. 1-18 Mostly newspaper clippings	1901-1903
	4	16	pp. 19-54 A few newspaper clippings, a biography of Lee, 1903 Digest of Laws of the MO General Assembly, transcripts of speeches, three photographs (2 of John Lee, 1 of Fitzhugh Lee), etc.	1901-1903
	4	17	pp. 55-101 Transcripts of speeches, Lee's family history, records of his grocer days, two poems he wrote to his wife, articles, etc.	1901-1922